

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
— Alex. H. Washburn

A Great Farm Organization States Program for 1950.

For sharp and accurate analysis of the American farm problem I commend the National Grange, one of the oldest, largest and most respected of agricultural organizations — which, at its 82nd annual session in Sacramento, Cal., got out "A Resume of Agricultural Policy for 1950."

The statement opens up with this clear contrast between farm and industrial production:

"Farm production in good and bad times alike is remarkably stable and industrial production is violently unstable. . . Farmers operate with around 75 per cent fixed costs, including their labor and their family's labor; while industry operates with only around 25 per cent fixed cost."

Seventy-five per cent of industry's costs can readily be reduced, including labor cost, by cutting down on their output in periods of falling prices. At such times farmers lose more by maintaining output than by reducing it. They can not reduce costs materially with reduced output.

"Out of this stability of total farm output and great instability of non-farm output arise violent fluctuations in farm prices and their relationship to non-farm prices. This situation is the most basic cause of the farm problem, although there are other important causes."

"If we are to avoid the difficulties of farmers, and a depression, like that in the twenties and thirties, some way must be found to maintain a full production economy so that we can avoid unemployment and make it possible for men and women to buy the products of industry and agriculture."

The Grange then states three general principles which it calls Guide Posts. They are:

"1. All prosperity springs from the production of wealth."

"2. The compensation of each should be based on what he contributes to the general welfare."

"3. The prime purpose of government is to protect its citizens from aggression — both physical and economic."

The Grange is opposed to the Brannan plan of direct payments to farmers to support their income.

"Such subsidies," says the Grange, "are in reality for the benefit of the consumer, but the stigma of an internal tax on the farmer's products is placed on the farmer. Moreover, subsidies operate to increase the size of our colossal national debt and are in themselves inflationary."

Of the Brannan plan the Grange says further:

"It makes farmers public beggars for a fair income, would tend to destroy the foundations of personal integrity. . . Such an unsound system would certainly, in time, spread to other groups and would ultimately destroy our free enterprise system. . . Under such a system farm income would depend on politics and that party which would promise farmers the largest bonus out of the Treasury would garner many votes not obtainable on the basis of an honest and sound platform."

That is the Grange statement — an honest and dignified statement from independent American citizens.

What the Grange sees in the Brannan plan, furthermore, is the fact that once farmers commit their whole economy to a forever lasting federal subsidy balance of power now lies in the cities and not on the farms. This is my own inference — but it is unchallengeable.

On the positive side the Grange favors such farm aids as these:

1. Develop existing marketing machinery.

2. Strengthen co-operative marketing and purchasing.

3. Make international agreements to encourage the flow of surplus products into world markets.

4. Develop crop insurance.

5. Use such price devices as the Export-Import Plan or Parity Support Certificate Plan to assure American farmers a fair share of world markets.

6. And — quoting directly — "We advocate the use of flexible price supports for farm prices, between a stop loss level and parity to achieve balanced production and stabilized income."

In our own section, of course, we follow the program Bureau Federation — which also is fighting the Brannan subsidy plan. But it is interesting and worthwhile to read this statement from the great organization which represents the farmers of the Middle West and the National Grange.

Nowhere has there been a clearer analysis of the enormously complicated farm problem, nor a better explanation of the interlock between the destiny of the farm and the factory, nor a sharper ultimatum — That the farmers have a right to demand of their government that it aid them with economic formulas just as it aids industry — not with outright cash gifts thrown to beggars at the whim of some passing politician.

Emancipation Day Observance Planned Sunday

There will be an Emancipation Day observance at Yerger High school auditorium Sunday, January 1, at 3 p.m. The public is invited. The program is to be sponsored by the Hope Negro Civic Improvement Association.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Fair this afternoon, tonight, but cold tonight. Thursday partly cloudy, mild.

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Governors Can Prevent Phone Strike—Smith

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28 (AP)—Gov. Forrest Smith said today there is a good possibility a conference of governors tomorrow can settle a threatened Southwest Bell Telephone company strike.

"It depends on how far apart they are," he told his news conference.

Both sides have assured me they are very anxious to get the thing settled and would lean over backward to do it.

"I think there is a good possibility we might be able to arbitrate the dispute tomorrow."

If no immediate settlement can be reached, Smith said the governors of the strike affected states would try to set up a method of arbitration.

A similar governor's conference did that successfully in the Missouri Pacific strike a few weeks ago.

Smith reported four of the governors promised to attend the conference and the fifth would send a representative. The four scheduled to join him in St. Louis tomorrow are:

Govs. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, Sid McMath of Arkansas, Roy J. Turner of Oklahoma and Frank Carlson of Kansas. The fifth, Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas, has promised to send a state official to represent him.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. (CST) at the Hotel Jefferson. Smith said he hoped it could be finished by tomorrow night.

The Missouri governor said he would go into the meeting with no definite plan of settlement in mind — "I want to get both sides first," he said.

State Labor Dept. Enters Coal Strike

Little Rock, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Arkansas labor department has entered a labor dispute involving union members and operators of the state's newest open pit coal mine.

Gov. Sid McMath ordered an investigation of the matter after a conference with a representative of the Ozark-Phillips Coal Co., operators of the mine, north of Ozark, Ark.

The governor said he wouldn't make a statement in the dispute until the labor department representative has made a complete report.

A picket line was thrown around the mine yesterday virtually stopping operations of the pit.

Peter G. Jacobson of San Francisco, attorney for the company, who talk with McMath yesterday, said entrance to the mine had been blocked off by the pickets.

He said about 20 of the 80 men employed reported for work.

Members of the United Mine Workers began picketing the plant Dec. 15. Picketing resumed again yesterday after Christmas holidays.

The dispute involves a charge from the UMW that the company "broke faith" with the miners when it refused to sign a contract and started firing union men as soon as operations started.

The company employed about 150 men in preparing to open the pit. On Dec. 15, officials of the firm said when production was reduced to 20 employees.

Jacobson said yesterday the men who stayed on to work accepted a company wage and benefit plan which had the same provisions of a proposed UMW contract.

Although there was no objection to union affiliation by employees but added the mine was being operated on an open-shop basis.

At Muskogee, Okla., Dave Fowler, president of the UMW district 12, said the company had "conducted a campaign of misrepresentation x x x." He did not elaborate.

Tale of Murder Six Years Ago Puzzling

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 28 (AP)—A 51-year-old man's story that he killed his former wife in Phoenix, Ariz., six years ago had police in two states puzzled today.

John Darrow walked into police headquarters yesterday and admitted, in a signed statement, slaying Nelda June Bunner in Phoenix in 1943.

Phoenix authorities, however, were not sure that Mrs. Bunner, whose death on May 8, 1943, was found by a coroner's jury to be at the hand of "person or persons unknown," was actually Darrow's wife.

The county attorney said, at the time, it looked like suicide.

A sister of Darrow's — Mary Honeycutt of Modesto, Calif. — told police here that Darrow had been living in Modesto since 1918 and she did not think he had ever been in Arizona.

Darrow's statement said it was only recently that he learned for certain Mrs. Bunner had died. He said he shot her once and slipped away without waiting to see if she was dead.

Mrs. Honeycutt said, however, Darrow learned of her death 18 months ago.

Mail Order House Lowers Prices as Much as 36%

Chicago, Dec. 28 (AP)—Sears, Roebuck and company came out with its midwinter sale catalogue with prices cut ranging up to 36 per cent from its last big general catalogue issued for the fall and winter. All lines average about 10 per cent lower.



ADMITTS SHOOTING CRYING CHILD — Seized after police smashed in his hotel room door, Bruce Edmitted shooting Penny Gust, 6, when she wouldn't stop crying during a Christmas Eve party, 6, when she wouldn't stop crying during a Christmas Eve party, 6, when she wouldn't stop crying during a Christmas Eve party.

Doctors said they might be able to save her arm. (NEA Telephoto)

Arkansas Industrialization Pace Enough to Offset Decline in Agriculture

By J. L. Thomasson

Little Rock, Dec. 28 (AP)—Arkansas industrialization pace was slower in 1949, but it still was sufficient to offset much of the agricultural income decline.

Director Charles R. Bowers of the agriculture and industry division of the Arkansas Resources and development commission, estimated today that the state's per capita income for the year will be only about three per cent under the record high figure in 1948.

Records in his office reflect that new industries established in the state and substantial expansions have been made by 30 existing industries.

On the other hand, Arkansas economy suffered two severe blows during the year—the Missouri Pacific railroad strike and estimated drop of \$115,000,000 in farm income. The rail tieup stalled shipments of products and compelled several firms to shut down or curtail operations.

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Betty Lou's Arm Amputated But Faith Unshaken

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28 (AP)—Betty Lou Marbury's right hand — the one she hoped prayer would save — was removed today.

A Baptist hospital nurse announced the hand was amputated between the wrist and elbow.

Just before entering the hospital room, Betty's spirits were still high.

Her faith and courage were unshaken.

"If the Lord wants my hand, that's all right with me," she said.

Doctors decided only an amputation could save the life of the 10-year-old farm girl, whose plea for prayer stirred hearts across the nation.

She is suffering from a malignant bone tumor on the third finger of her right hand. The amputation is designed to keep the malignancy from spreading through the bloodstream.

Her father, Clay Marbury, broke the news to her gently yesterday soon after she was admitted to Baptist hospital. He told her she might die if the hand is not removed.

"She wasn't a child when she heard that," he said. "She was a grown-up woman."

Later Betty laughed and chatted in her room. The parents wept.

Betty's doctor announced he decided last night to the Memphis Commercial Appeal, which copyrighted the story.

It was to the newspaper that the patient's father wrote for prayer when she learned Nov. 30 her hand might be amputated just after Christmas. News services spread the story over the country.

The response was immediate. Churchward special prayers for her. She got thousands of letters and gifts. But she remained simple and unaffected.

She agreed with statements of many ministers who said it might be "God's will that she hand be saved."

"If it must go," she said, "there's a purpose to it."

Peron Carries Out Threat to Prosecute

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 28 (AP)—President Juan D. Peron today had carried out his threat to prosecute the editors of Argentina's two biggest independent newspapers on charges of insulting him.

The president's decision in a new newspaper, "desacato" (disrespect) charges against the editors of La Nacion and La Prensa for having "to a certain degree" supported an opposition member of congress accused Peron of getting rich in office.

The charges against the two editors were filed yesterday in federal court.

All terms up to three years can be passed under the new "desacato" law prohibiting slander of a public official.

The newspapers had published the statement of Adolfo G. Biondo, a member of the opposition Radical party, who made the original charge against Peron. Cattleman subsequently exiled himself to Uruguay after he was expelled from congress and later returned to his army rank of lieutenant colonel.

Argentine police have a warrant for his arrest since he no longer enjoys congressional immunity.

World's Best Mathematician Admits Uncle Sam's Income Tax Form Has Him Baffled

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Albert Einstein, who plumbs the secrets of the atom and the universe — and yet can't understand the income tax blank.

It is a measure of the humility of the greatest living mathematician that he cheerfully admitted in 1944 he had to call in a tax expert to help him figure how much he owes Uncle Sam.

But money always has been a matter of comparative indifference to this "scientist's scientist." He once used a \$1,500 check from the Rockefeller Foundation as a bookmarker and lost the book. He gave his 1921 Nobel Prize award money to charity.

Now at 70 Einstein, regarded by many as the finest mind of our time, has crowded a noble life with a new theory of gravitation.

Its implications will be lost to the average man whose knowledge of gravity can be summed up in the phrase "all that goes up must come down." But science, in time, will have to choose between the theories of Einstein and those of Newton.

The theory of relativity, postulated by Einstein in 1905 at the age of 26, first shocked the scientific world. Then it seemed to touch him not at all. But the atom bomb is by-product of that theory — and today it touches the life of everyone.

The truth is that this gentle, dreamy-looking little man is one of the great revolutionaries of his time. He is the mental architect of a new world now in his birth pangs.

Some men have changed his



MISS AMERICA MARRIED — Jacquie Mercer, Miss America of 1949, and her fiancé Douglas Cook, are shown at a party in Phoenix, Ariz., where they announced they will wed next July 4. Cook and Miss Mercer were schoolmates in Phoenix. He is now a student at the University of Chicago. The couple got married unexpectedly yesterday. (NEA Telephoto)

Family to Take Leukemia Victim Jerry May, Age 11, of Bodcaw, to Boston for Treatment

Eleven-year-old Jerry Norman May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert May of Bodcaw, doesn't know it but doctors have given him only three months to live unless his acute case of leukemia can be reduced to a chronic case, members of his family announced here today.

And his family is taking him to Boston Monday to a specialist, Dr. Cannon Eley, who has been successful in treating leukemia. If Jerry responds to treatment his life may be extended a couple of years. Then his only hope will depend on what science discovers about the dreaded disease in that two years.

The youngster, who has a younger brother, has been bedfast since Thanksgiving. He was treated in Hope and Texarkana hospitals until it was definitely pronounced leukemia only a few days ago.

Jerry had the biggest Christmas of his life and was able to sit at the table with only his family for Christmas dinner. Since he has appeared listless and takes interest in toys only at times.

His family is going all out in an effort to keep Jerry alive and Christmas Day received aid from neighbors in and around Bodcaw.

Hearing of their plight residents of the area formed a committee. John Hucklebee, Dr. W. M. Pool and Harold Chubb and donations started pouring in to the group. At the end of Christmas Day \$330 had been given. And they plan to continue giving and asking for outside help, so the youngster will get every chance to survive.

Soekarno Set to Face New Freedom Issues

By The Associated Press

President So

Dewey Will Retire Says N. Y. Times

New York, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The New York Times today said it is likely that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will retire temporarily from public life at the end of his present term as governor of New York.

Warren Moscow, political writer for the Times, said there are indications that Dewey will not be a candidate for governor in 1950 or for President in 1952, but may come back into the presidential race in 1950 or 1952.

Dewey would be only 54 years old in 1950.

Moscow said there were two "tangible developments" tending to confirm the prediction. One was an announcement from Princeton University that Dewey will deliver four lectures on the "American Political System" there in February and April.

The other was what the Times called "definite information" that Dewey would appoint his counsel, Charles D. Breitel, to the Supreme court of the first judicial district.

The Times said these moves indicated that Dewey is seeking the role of "party elder statesman" where he can comment on public affairs without the responsibilities of office, and that he wants to take care of his "colossal" associates in public office before he steps down himself on Dec. 31, 1950.

At Albany, James C. Hagerty, the governor's press secretary, replied "no comment" when questioned about the Times' prediction that Dewey would retire temporarily from public life.

Hagerty also declined comment on the Times' report that Dewey would appoint Breitel to the State Supreme court.

Baby Princess Born to Rita Hayworth

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A baby princess was born today to Rita Hayworth, the glamorous red-headed movie star married Moslem Prince Aly Khan last spring.

The baby, weighing about five and a half pounds, was born about eight hours after Rita made a pre-liminary dash to exclusive Montclair clinic.

The new princess' name will be Yasmin, the Arabic spelling for the fragrant Jasmine flower used in Southern France for making perfume.

Prince Aly, unshaven, haggard, but smiling made the announcement to newsmen outside the clinic doors.

"Rita had a very tough time," he said but added with a smile: "It has gone off all right. She is very tired."

The prince said the birth was a natural one, delivered under gas. Rita's first daughter by a previous marriage was delivered in 1944 by caesarian section.

Yasmin was born at 9:45 a.m. (3:45 a.m. EST).

Princess Yasmin, with the mixture of four bloods in her veins—Spanish-American from her mother and Iranian-Italian from her father—is the granddaughter of Aga Khan, spiritual leader of millions of Moslems of the Islamic sect and reportedly one of the world's richest men.

The prince said his 31 year old wife had seen the child a few minutes after regaining consciousness. "She seemed awfully pleased," Aly said. "I myself think she is a very good looking girl, but being her father I can't really say so myself."

The playboy prince, wearing a black suit and black tie, came out of the clinic a moment after his public relations man, Claude Payot, told newsmen:

"Gentlemen, will you please stand by for an important announcement by Prince Aly Khan himself."

Aly joked a little with the newsmen. He referred to his crumpled appearance and said: "I suppose I look as though I have gone through it all myself. With this beard they are going to take me for the wild man of Borneo."

Final arrangements for the arrival of the little princess were executed in such deep Hollywood-style secrecy by husband Aly Khan that he even crossed up police who planned to escort Rita to the hospital.

The 31-year-old film star's labor pains began after midnight and she and Aly quickly left their suite at the Palace Hotel at 10:10 a.m. (10:10 p.m. EST Tuesday). He had made elaborate arrangements to have two police cars to escort Rita on a speedy one-mile run to the hospital.

But when the time came Aly, son of the fabulously wealthy Aga Khan who is the spiritual leader of millions of Moslems, drove Rita himself unescorted. Hotel doors were locked to keep anyone from following.

After reaching the hospital, Aly called the police station and gave a pre-arranged code signal, his spokesman said later. The code was the name of a French nursery rhyme: "Marlborough fies to War."

The call was made on a private telephone line rigged up for the occasion and police cars sped to the hotel according to plan. They escorted an empty sedan to the hospital.

Police surrounded the hospital shortly after Rita's arrival. And nearby roads were blocked off to traffic. The actress wore a mink coat as she walked into the hospital with the prince.

Divorced Wife of Actor Charged With Drunkenness

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Blondie Joan Wallace 24, divorced wife of Franchot Tone, will be tried Jan. 17 on a charge of drunk driving.

She pleaded innocent yesterday and was freed on \$100 bail. She was arrested Christmas day. Officers said she was driving erratically and scantly clad.

Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan recently paved its streets for the first time.



STRICKEN CHILD TO BE GIVEN TREATMENT — Betty Lou Marbury, 10-year-old Memphis, Tenn., youngster, and her father Henry Marbury are in a happy mood upon their arrival in Boston, Mass. Betty Lou, who asked the nation to pray for her so she would not lose her right hand, will be admitted to Boston Children's Hospital where bone specialists will try and analyze a malignant lesion on one of the child's fingers. (NEA Telephoto)



"MUGS" HIS CUSTOMERS — Taking a tip from the old-fashioned barber shop with its shelf of personal shaving mugs, Chicago restaurant operator Norman Massing keeps a supply of "personalized coffee cups" for his regular customers. Each cup bears the name or nickname of one of the regulars. Massing is seen serving a personal cup to office worker Rose Marie Nutini.



"LOOK, NO TORSO!" — This "Reclining Woman" with a detached air about her is an attraction of the Royal Society of British Artists' winter exhibition in London. The 231-pound wood-carving was created by F. F. McWilliam.



PEG-LEG PUP—Struppi, a 3-year-old dachshund, attracts considerable attention as he click-clicks along Berlin streets on his wooden leg. It replaces the foreleg he lost when struck by an auto two years ago. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff photographer Joe Schuppe.)

Miss America Exchanges Titles

Litchfield Park, Ariz., Dec. 28.—(UP)—Miss America's impulsive marriage to her handsome girlfriend sweetheart may cost her the title but she was so happy over her honeymoon today that she didn't care.

Jacqueline Mercer, the beautiful 18-year-old winner of the 1949 title, married 20-year-old Douglas Cook yesterday, more than six months before their scheduled wedding.

She explained her tradition-shattering marriage was arranged on reign as long-standing as the "couldn't bear" to see Cook return to the University of Chicago to finish his junior year.

The custom of Miss Americas remaining spinsters during their reign was as long-standing as the Atlantic City, N. J., contest itself. And Miss Mercer's contract with the Miss America pageant committee specifically required her to stay single until it expires in June.

Committee Chairman Park W. Haverstick said in Atlantic City that her surprise marriage caused "an unusual situation." He called for a directors' meeting, he said, at which possible action against the new Mrs. Cook would be discussed.

But no final decision would be made until pageant Director Lenore Slaughter returns from a Florida vacation, he said.

Last word received from the bride before she and Cook went into honeymoon seclusion was that she planned to appear at the Jan. 2 Salad bowl parade at nearby Phoenix, one of countless events at which her contract specifies she must be present.

The petite brunette said she intended to make all other scheduled appearances during her reign.

Texans Send Load of Water to New York

Shreveport, La., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Three thousand gallons of Texas water are rolling eastward through Mississippi today en route to thirsty Texans in New York who couldn't get home for Christmas.

The tank truck started its trip from Austin, Texas, yesterday after railroad Commissioner Ernest Thompson hoisted a water-filled cup to wish "peace on earth — and a chaser" to Texans far from home.

The truck, loaded with water from a central Texas highland lakes, stopped here last night after the first leg of its 1,900 mile trip.

The water is a gift from the Highland Lakes News, a weekly devoted to fishing, hunting and loafing. When it reaches New York about New Year's Eve, the tanker spigots will be opened to provide a drink for all Texans who can be found.

The water shipment is the travel to New York via Jackson and Meridian, Miss., Montgomery, Ala., Macon and Augusta, Ga., Columbia, S. C., Raleigh, N. C., Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, Pa.

State Agencies to Save on Salaries

Little Rock, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Units of the state government hope to save more than \$2,300,000 out of current appropriations of \$84,000,000 for salaries and maintenance.

This was disclosed today in a report of a committee appointed by Governor McMath to review budgets for the current fiscal year with a view to effecting savings where possible.

Charles C. Wine, chairman of the public service commission was chairman of the special committee. Revenue Commissioner Dean Morley and Comptroller Lee Roy Beasley were other members.

The report reflected that the original combined budget for all agencies and departments totaled \$164,621,106.

Proposed savings were set at \$2,333,692 leaving a new net budget of approximately \$162,287,400.

From this latter figure was deducted federal participation funds of \$47,200,000, leaving net state funds required at \$115,087,413.

Beasley explained that the only place savings were possible was in salaries and maintenance. These two items totaled more than \$54,000,000.

Of the proposed savings by far the larger part will come from units classified as welfare, health and charities. These departments proposed to cut their budgets a total of approximately \$1,189,000.

And of this \$1,189,000, the welfare department proposed a reduction of \$1,820,000.

Several classes of agencies proposed no savings. These included the constitutional department, among them the governor's office.

Also included in the units for which no savings were proposed was the highway department, with \$32,000,000.

Beasley said he believed there which could not be foreseen at this time and which were not reflected in the present report.

Clark Gable Welcomed in Hawaii

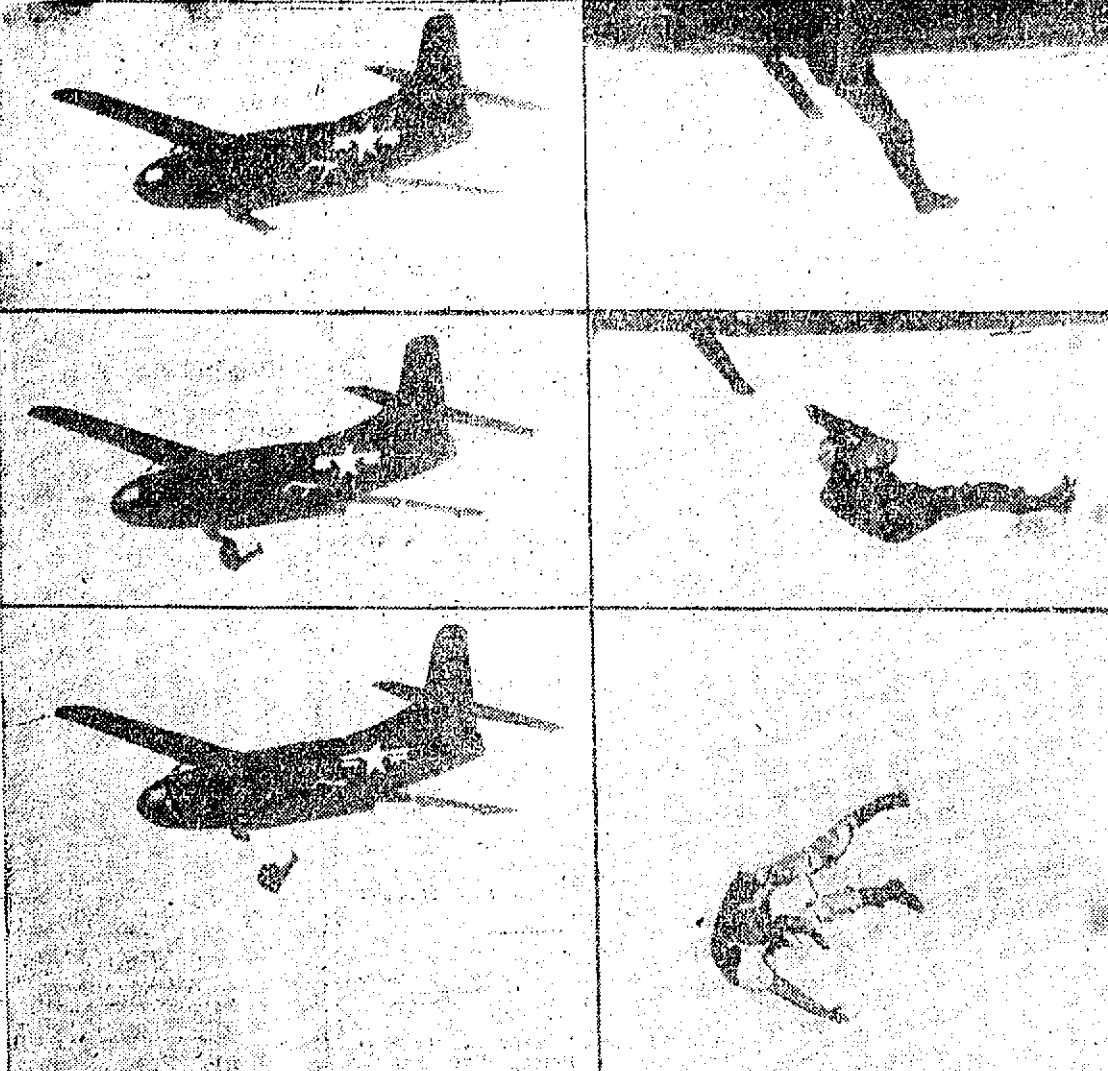
Honolulu, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The Clark Gable came to romantic Hawaii on their honeymoon yesterday and the screen lover wowed 10,000 well-wishers.

Teen-age girls, graying grandmothers and housewives plus a sprinkling of men — jammed the pier as the actor and his bride arrived on the luxury liner Lurline from San Francisco.

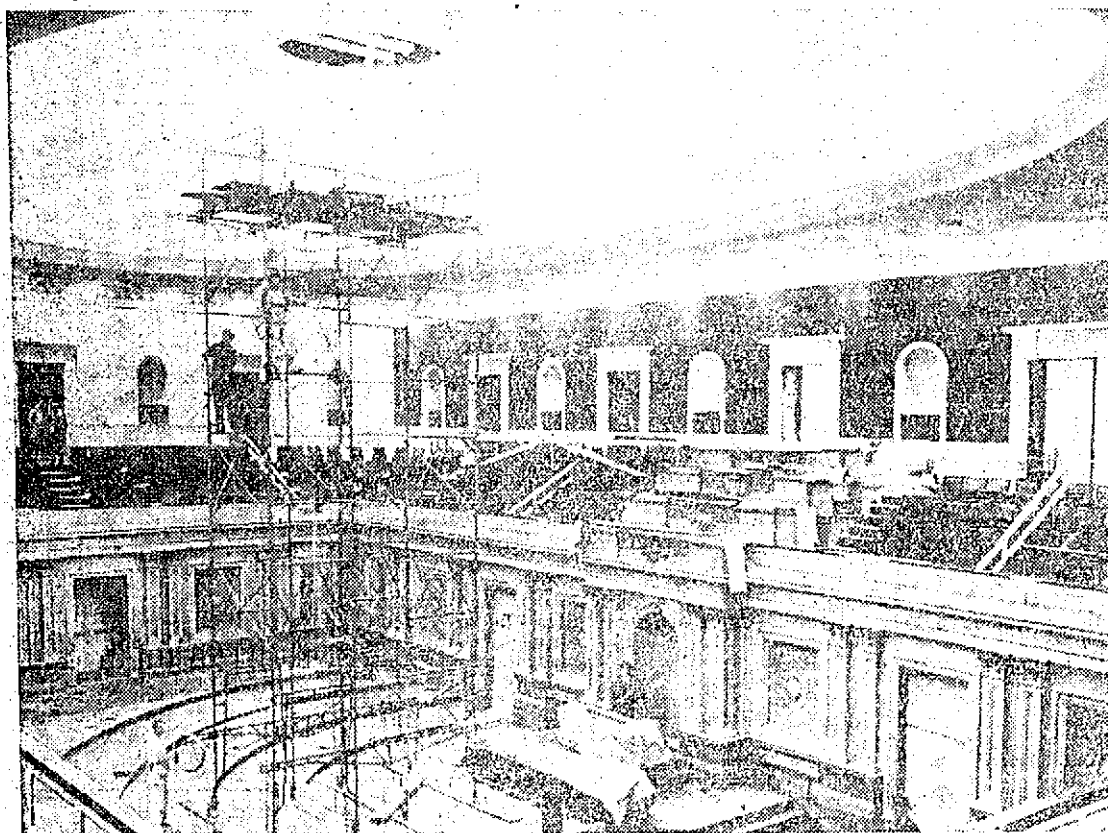
It was an old-fashioned Hawaiian welcome, complete with leis and aloha music.

Women crowding the pier balcony, smiled, sighed and gasped as Gable stood at the ship's rail throwing leis and kisses.

"He is a handsome man, but he was 10 years ago, said one elderly woman.



DOWN AND OUT—Unusual photographic sequence above shows demonstration of a new pilot ejection seat being tested on Navy F3D "Skyknight" jet fighters at El Centro, Calif. Conventional ejection device catapults the pilot straight up from his seat. In the F3D the pilot slides down a chute in the cockpit floor and drops out from the belly of the plane. Pictures, starting at upper left and going down, show pilot's course until he is completely free of ship and is ready to pull ripcord of his parachute. Successful "bailouts" of this type have been made at speeds up to 450 miles an hour.



"VEEP" SURVEYS CAPITOL REPAIRS—Vice President Aiken Barkley, on rostrum, looks over the new ceiling of the Senate Chamber. The white steel dome will have in its center a glass-and-bronze seal of the United States. Gone are the temporary steel girders which were put up in 1941 to bolster the sagging roof.



SANTA COMES TO TOKYO—Though only a small percentage of the Japanese observe Christmas, Tokyo's department stores do their best to give their stores a Yuletide atmosphere. To U. S. occupation troops and their families, this store's "Santa Claus" is a reminder of home.

I Love My Doctor

By Evelyn Barkins

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The Story: John and I eloped before John finished his internship at the hospital. Now John has opened an office and as secretary-receptionist-nurse I'm helping him build a practice. Patients are few and so John has invited all his friends to call socially in view of making them want him to cure them if they're ever ill. But the office needs a greater "Dr. Kidney atmosphere," says John. "Can't we pep it up, to impress the visitors?"

I'm sick of what people expect of a doctor," said John. "A medic is supposed to work from dawn to dusk with no time off for food or rest or sleep, although why anyone thinks a doctor's physical makeup is any different I don't understand. If an M. D. ever followed the routine the public set up for him, he'd be crumpled at 29 and dead at 30."

"Agreed," I answered promptly. "but you can't re-educate a whole world. And we've got a goal of our own." I liked to think that I was being "the dear little wife, helping her husband get on."

"All right," said John reluctantly. "Well, what do we do next?"

"In order for us to look busy,"

Family Dies Christmas Eve, Found

New York, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A father and mother and their two young children — all apparently dead since Christmas eve — were found today in their holiday-decorated East Side apartment.

Police said they believed the family was wiped out by carbon dioxide poisoning.

The makings of a Christmas dinner were in the refrigerator. Beside the children's bed was a decorated tree with packages under it. On a dresser was a packing marked: "To our daddy from your angels."

The dead were Andrew Gazak, 33; his wife Veronica, 32; and their children, Veronica, five, and Andrew, Jr., three. All were found dead in bed.

A sister of Mrs. Gazak called police when no one answered her knock on the family's door this morning.

Police said all the windows of the three-room, fifth story apartment at 428 East 71st street were shut and that fumes apparently spread from the gas refrigerator in the kitchen.

The parents' bedroom was located on one side of the kitchen and the children's bedroom on the other.

Mrs. Gazak's sister, Mary Fabrik, said she last saw the family Christmas eve when the children were asleep and the parents were decorating the tree.

Police entered the apartment by breaking a window in the children's bedroom. Patrolman Richard Tarber said the apartment was filled with gas fumes.

Besides the turkey and other Christmas dinner food in the refrigerator, there were fruits, nuts and two red candles on the kitchen table.

Ginny Simms Practicing New Lullabies

Hollywood, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Singer Ginny Simms is practicing some new lullabies.

She became the mother yesterday of her second son, Miss Simms, said her husband, Hyatt Dehn, architect, also are parents of David, three. The Dehns were married in July, 1945.

A strand of glass fiber 15 times finer than a human hair may be stronger than steel.

his audience, would make it good. "Mrs. Barker?" he would glibly improvise while Freda giggled or her end. "That's too bad. A hundred three, you mean four? Try some of that medicine I left last time and I'll be there in the morning."

Or else he would say, Mr. Jones? Yes What's that? Right side pain? Sounds like appendix. You don't say. I'll be right over. And in this script he would get up, take his bag, leave the house, and ride five times around the block in his car.

Upon his victorious return, he would be greeted by a barrage of medical questions, and it was actually startling into such heavy eyelids to me, to hear detailed accounts of the different, nonexistent, case reports, almost as if he were daydreaming aloud. A perfect Freudian wish fulfillment indeed — bore some fruit in that occasionally a well impressed visitor would turn up in the office as a patient, or sometimes refer a more distant relative, the strain of perpetuating the farce, combined with the degrading feeling of shoddiness, proved within two weeks to be too much.

One night, we were in the midst of our telephone routine, when the entire system collapsed. "Mrs. Barker?" John began as usual. "That's too bad. A hundred three, you mean four, you mean six?" and this point he lost all self-control and burst into such heavy laughter that he couldn't speak. Equally aroused, I started to laugh too, while our enraged visitors, who naturally could find no amusement in so tragic a plight, expressed their violent disapproval by a noisy departure.

"So don't talk to us about building a practice by specializing," John told Bob Abbott.

Bob smiled sympathetically. "I can imagine now you tell," he said. "I would too. As a matter of fact, that's why I intend to specialize. In that way, I'll get my work from doctors and never have to bow down before every Tom, Dick, and Harry patient who deigns to let me thump his precious chest. Besides, I'll be a bigshot too, and make real money."

John and I were both surprised at Bob's remarks, but while John was merely startled at his sudden announcement of his friend's intentions, I was downright shocked. Of course, the modern trend toward specialization is old hat.

Originally, a specialist was a general practitioner who became a true expert in a chosen field. His rule was that of consultant only, to be called in at the discretion of the attending physician in cases where his extra skill was required because of a difficult, technical procedure involved, or a problem diagnosis.

Today, it can sometimes be a young fellow like Bob, who knows little about medicine in general, and just slightly more about his specialty in particular, but is guided in his work by a love of greater prestige, higher pay and fewer working hours, while it is the public itself that is left holding the bag. Under an erroneous assumption of getting the "very best" they cheat themselves of the psychological benefit of confidence and faith in a family physician, who is familiar with them and their problems, and settle for impersonal attention.

"Bob Abbott," I exclaimed, "you sound like a prospective stock broker, not a doctor. It's shocking!"

"Nonsense," said Bob earnestly. "I'm only being honest, instead of talking high human motives and the stuffed shirts at the hospital. And even if they don't admit it in plain English, it still adds up the same."

(To Be Continued)

Wednesday, December 28, 1949

Social and Personal

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Social Calendar

Anderson-Richardson
Wedding Solemnized
on Christmas Day

Miss Mary Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Anderson of Little Rock, became the bride of Charles Campbell Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson of this city, at five o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Carroll Yocom.

The Reverend Elbert O'Steen read the impressive ceremony before an improvised altar decorated with southern smilax, poinsettias, other potted plants, and lighted tapers in branched candelabra. The bride was becomingly attired in a tailored suit of gray and black gabardine with gray accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of white chrysanthemums, and her only ornament was a single strand of pearls.

Mrs. Carroll Yocom, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor. She wore a two-piece smoke gray afternoon dress with dark green accessories, and a corsage of white chrysanthemums.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom were seated at a reception table covered with a length lace cloth, holding with a low crystal bowl holding red mandarin berries, and greenery. At each corner of the table were white tapers in crystal candelholders. The buffet held a similar arrangement.

Mrs. T. H. Foster, sister of the bridegroom, presided at the two-tiered wedding cake, topped with miniature bride and groom. Miss Thelma Jane Evans, poured the coffee.

Mrs. Dawson Bentrop, sister of the bride, presided at the bride's book.

After a brief wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Little Rock, where the bride is stationed.

Mrs. Richardson graduated from Little Rock High school. The bridegroom attended Hope High school and for the past year has been stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Among out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Bentrop of San Antonio, Tex. and Little Miss Lorene Anderson of Little Rock.

Dinner Fetes

Mrs. Mary Wilson and Russell B. Cornell

Mrs. Calvin Hervey, Sr. of Texarkana, and Mrs. Don Ligon of Houston, Tex., and her fiancée, Mary Wilson, and her fiancée, Russell B. Cornell with a beautifully appointed dinner at the Barlow Hotel at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 23.

The round table was centered with poinsettias wrapped with silver foil encircled with white tapers in silver candelholders. Surrounding the base of this arrangement were mandarin berries and greenery. Place cards of silver beaded with white satin ribbons marked places for the following guests: Miss Wilson, Mr. Cornell, Mrs. Calvin Hervey, Sr. of Texarkana, Mrs. Don Ligon of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hervey, Jr. of Texarkana, Mr. and Mrs. Scott DeLee of Dallas.

Texarkana Country Club

Honoring Miss Mary Wilson

Miss Mary Wilson was complimented at a lovely bridge-luncheon at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Texarkana Country Club, by her aunt, Mrs. R. Gresham Reed of Clippert Plantation.

The long table was centered with an artistic arrangement of white gladioli and chrysanthemums in a low crystal bowl. Silver bells were placed at intervals on the white damask extending from the centerpiece to each end of the table. Bridal place cards were used.

Following the luncheon, the guests were invited into the card room for bridge. High score prize was awarded to Mrs. Charles Hervey of Texarkana, and Mrs. Scott DeLee won the low score prize.

The hostesses presented Miss Wilson with a corsage of pom-pom mums, and a lovely gift.

The guest list included: Miss Don Ligon of Houston; Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. Nolan, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Brooks Shults of Fulton; Mrs. John Barlow, Mrs. Scott DeLee of Dallas; Mrs. Thompson Evans, Jr.; Mrs. Comer Boyett, Mrs. Kenneth Holland, of Memphis; Miss Nancy Hill, Mrs. Calvin Hervey, Sr. of Texarkana; Mrs. Charles Hervey, Jr. of Texarkana.

Coming and Going

Mrs. George Sinclair of St. Louis is visiting her son, George Frazier and Mrs. Frazier.

Reverend and Mrs. James F. Brewer and children, Sonny, Bobby, and Kenney, of Columbia, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. Luther

Higgason, Jr., of Arkadelphia are holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Higgason.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray, Jr. of Little Rock left Tuesday after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray, Sr. and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bright of Conway, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Martindale and daughters, Sherrill Elizabeth of Nashville are guests of Mrs. Mary Bright.

A. A. McDowell and family, and A. M. McDowell and family all of Fort Worth returned Tuesday afternoon after spending the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDowell and Mrs. Mary Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford Franks and daughter, Sheila have returned to Arkadelphia after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Franks and sister, Miss Norma Jean Franks.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Miller and Charlotte Tarpley spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Morrilton.

Misses Marcine Abbott and Norma Jean Franks spent Thursday in Little Rock.

F. M. Russell of Camden is spending this week with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Annie Abbott of Prescott is visiting her daughters, Mrs. B. B. Bell and Mrs. Bertha Martin.

Earl C. Martin and family have returned to Tyler, Tex. after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Martin and his brother, L. V. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ellis, and Doris and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Ellis and son Phillip spent Christmas with their children in Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and son Phillip motored out to Dardanelle to visit the Ellis parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Pool.

Newt D. Durham returned to his home in Oklahoma City, Monday after a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. W. S. Durham in Washington.

Jack McCabe will return Thursday from a business trip to Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zerb of St. Louis will return Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crank have returned to their home in Ruston, La., after spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crank.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nolan of Greenville, S. Carolina are visiting Mrs. Nolan's sister, Miss Norma Lewis.

Hospital Notes

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In the same trial a Pole received a 22 year-sentence and a German mining engineer was jailed for six years for allegedly having helped the French intelligence service.

France's Ambassador Jean Bales made the demand for release of the French citizens — one of them, a woman — yesterday to Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Stefan Wierbowski.

Memphis May Charge for Plane Takeoffs

Memphis, Dec. 28 — (P) — The city commission here has passed on first reading an ordinance which will impose take-off charges for aircraft of six airlines using municipal airport.

The ordinance must pass two additional readings before it becomes law. The proposed charge was fixed at nine cents for each 1,000 pounds of take-off weight.

It was recommended by the Memphis airport commission, which said it has tried without suc-

cess to reach a financial understanding with the airlines.

The commission said the airlines have made no contribution toward maintenance of the airport since the 1949 legislature repealed a seven-cent gasoline tax on fuel sold the airlines in Tennessee. Under the old law, half the tax money collected at the airport went to the city to keep the field in repair.

The new take-off charge is expected to bring in about \$48,000 a year. This, the commission said, is considerably less than the city received from the former gasoline tax arrangements.

The proposed ordinance does not apply to fixed base operators and private planes who pay other charges.

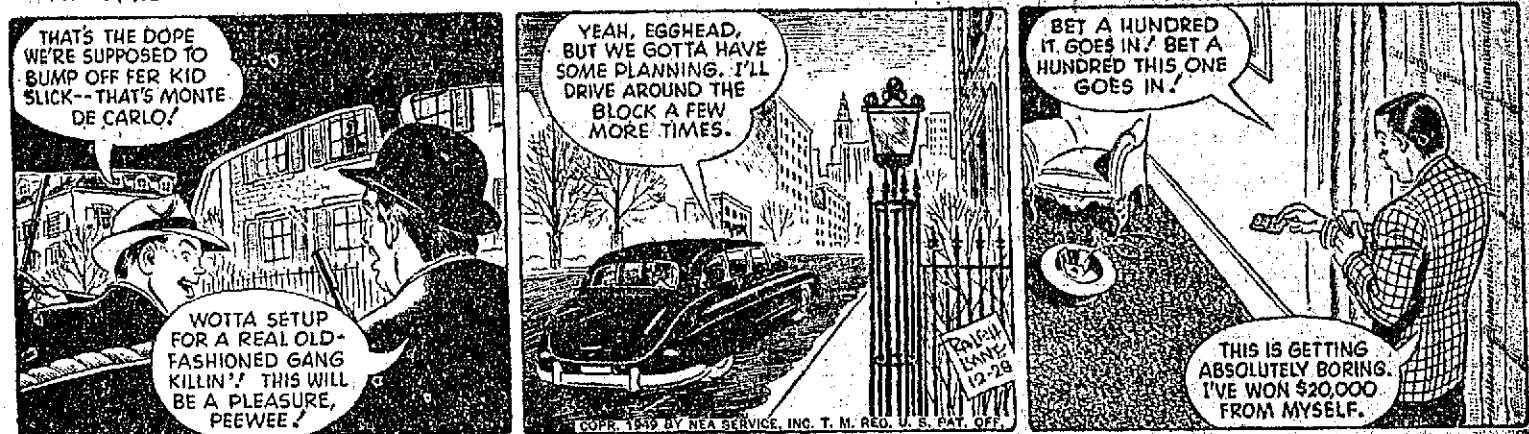
Polos Refuse to Send French Citizens Home

Warsaw, Poland, Dec. 28 — (P) — Poland has refused French demands that four French citizens

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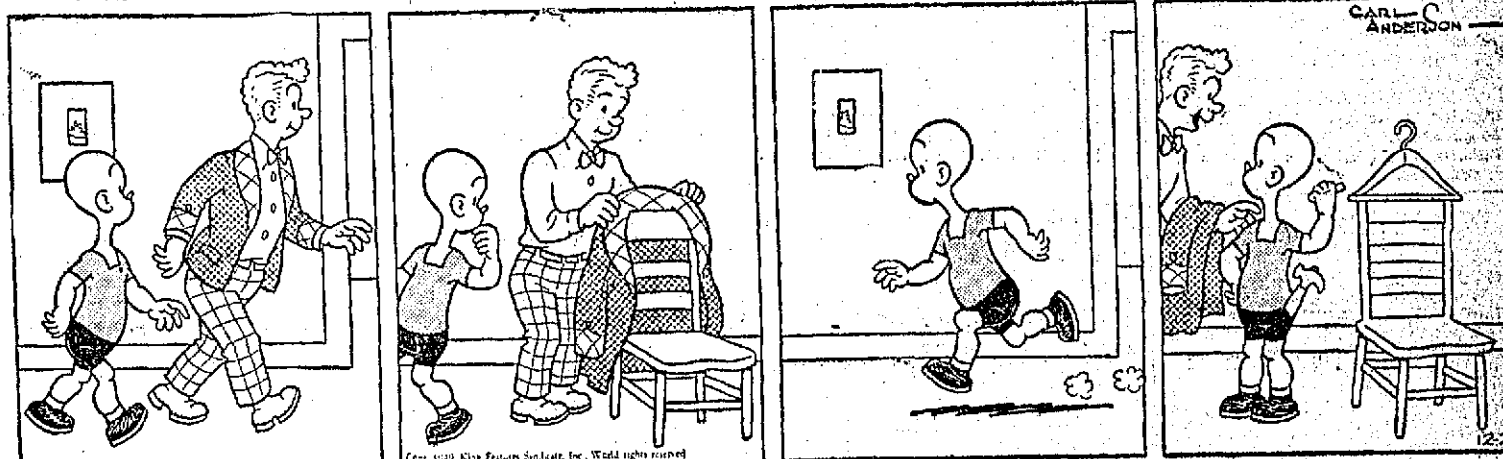
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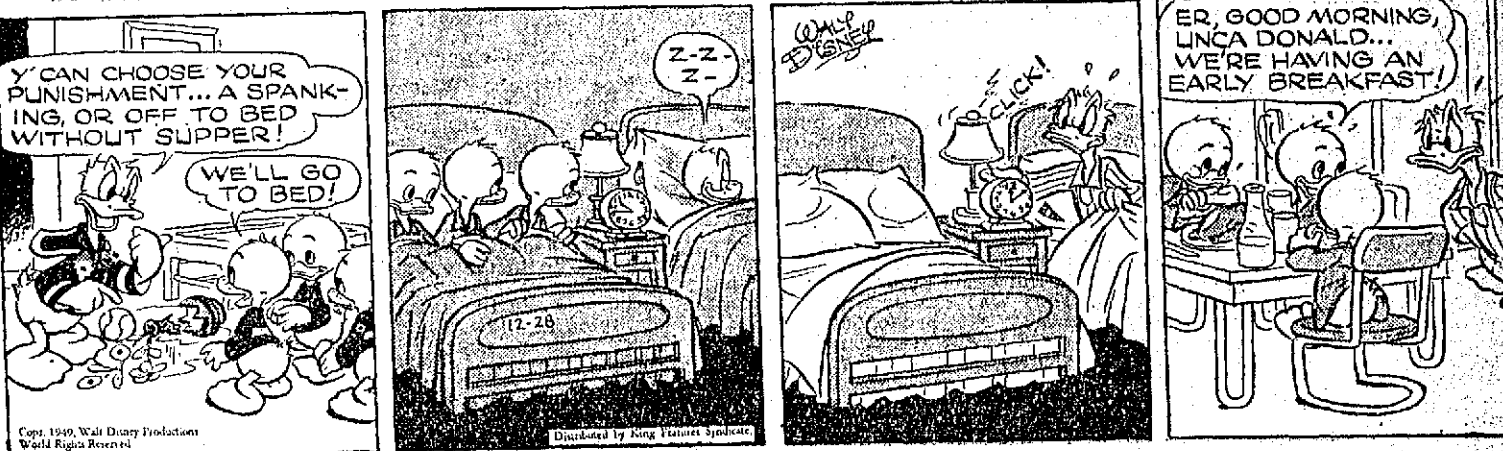
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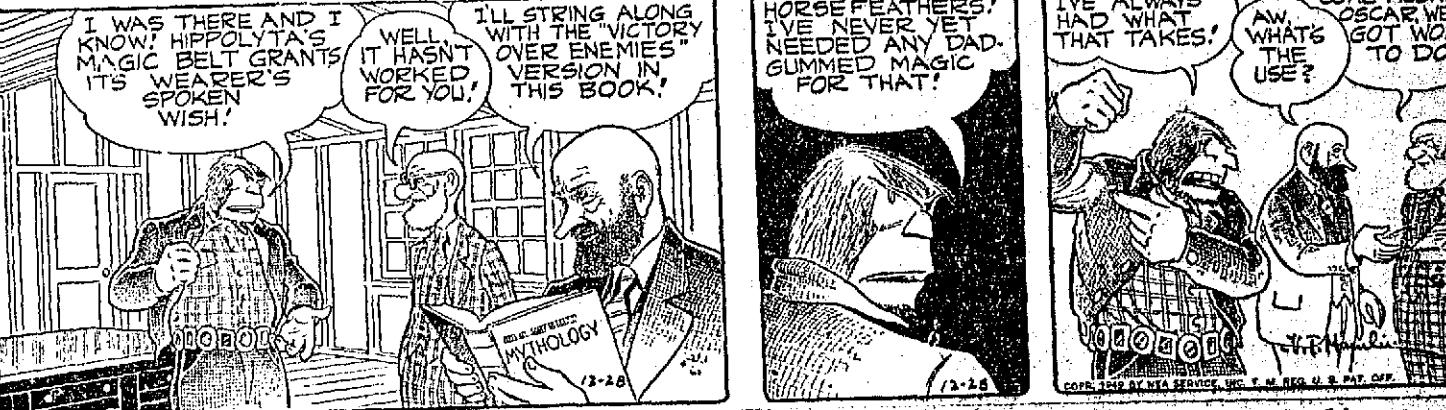
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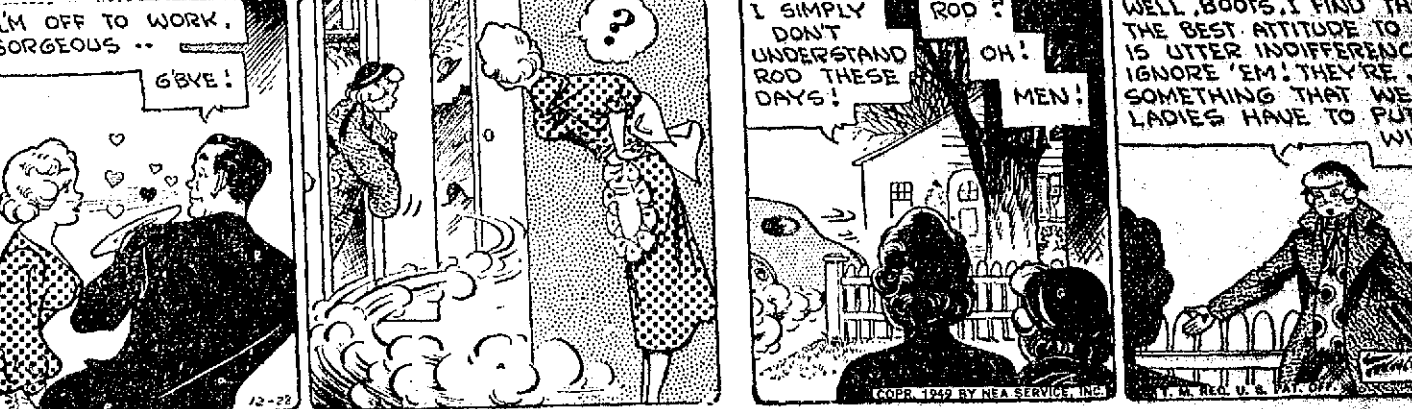
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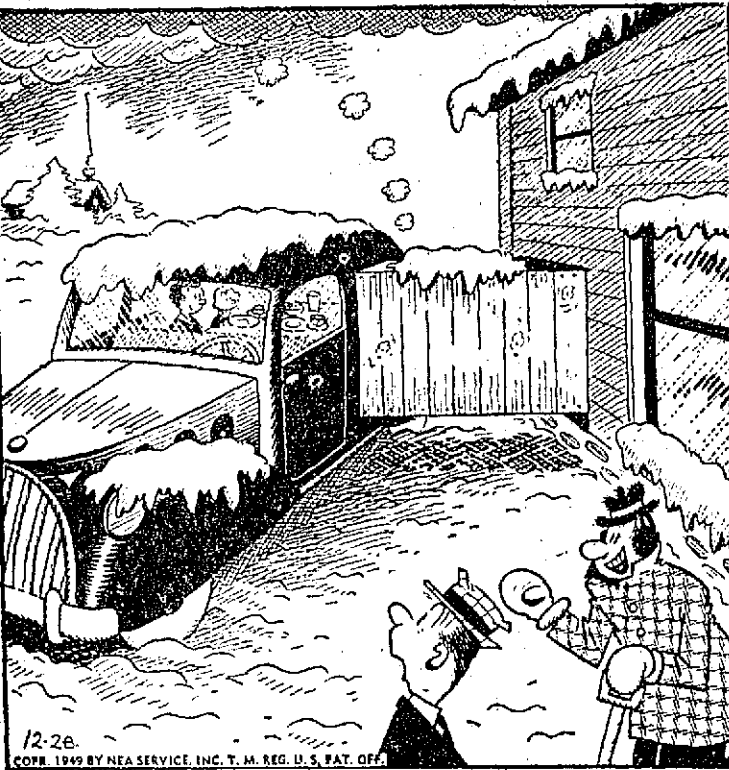
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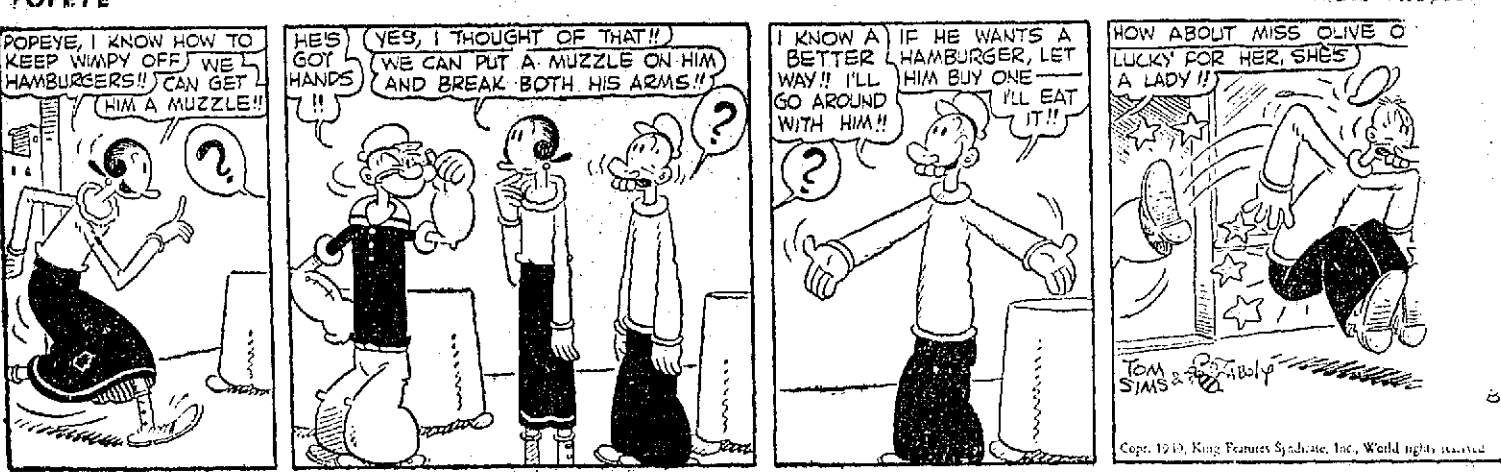
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Pope Refers to Vatican as Peace Citadel

Vatican City, Dec. 28 —(AP)—Pope Pius XII today hailed the Vatican as a "citadel of peace" which stands firm in a troubled world.

Speaking to the diplomatic representatives of some 40 nations in response to their New Year's greeting, the pontiff declared that in the world's efforts toward peace, the Vatican's potentiality is incalculable.

"Our hope," he said, "is to see this potentiality for peace yet inchoate until it reaches complete effectiveness for the good of all people."

The Pope this year dispensed with the formality that previously marked his annual meeting with the diplomatic corps. He did not ascend his throne. Speaking in French, he said:

"Holy year marked the starting point of a new orientation of hearts and spirits, a return of the strayed to an exact conception of the true foundations of peace, assured in the special domain and in international relations."

The pontiff eliminated the individual private audiences with each diplomatic representative. In the past, these had preceded the general audience.

This was necessary because of the crush of work which the frail 78-year-old head of the Catholic church has shouldered in the past few days in connection with the beginning of Holy Year.

"But," he told his listeners, "your excellencies will not be astonished by the necessity of having to replace by this collective reception, the traditional audiences."

The pope also expressed the belief that the common informal meeting was "a very significant encounter in these agitated times, and that it cast a ray of light across the clouds that still cover the sky."

Memphis Is Fire Prevention Winner

New York, Dec. 27 —(AP)—Memphis, Tenn., is the winner of the 28th annual National fire prevention week contest. It was announced today.

The Southern city was chosen from 3,762 American and Canadian municipalities, fire departments and military establishments.

The contest was sponsored by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the National Fire Protection association to judge the fire safety efforts of cities and industries during the annual national fire prevention week in October.

For the first time, U. S. army, navy and air force bases were included in the competition.

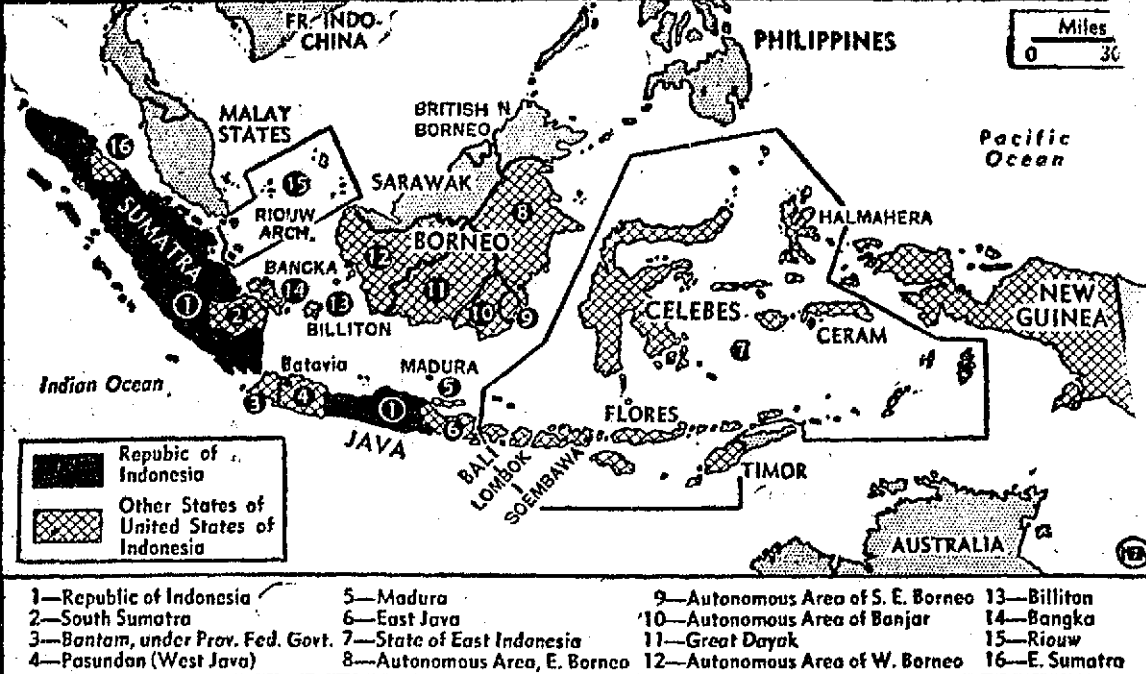
Of the 3,762 entries, 2,608 were from American municipalities, 648 from Canadian cities, 34 from industrial plants, 194 army, 52 navy and 20 air force bases.

Atlantic, Iowa, was adjudged second place winner in the competition among U. S. cities, and Fort Collins, Col. was third. Canada's first place city was Arvida, Que., with Ottawa second.

Arkansas Property Owner Succumbs in Tennessee

Germantown, Tenn., Dec. 27 —(AP)—Mrs. Linda C. Hardin, 99, who owned large plots of land in Crittendon County, Ark., died here today at the home of a daughter.

She was the widow of William D. Hardin and Julia Hardin, both of Marion, Ark. Her father, Davis F. Jackson, was Memphis health officer for many years. She was formerly active in social and civic affairs in Marion and nearby Memphis.



A FAR-EAST UNITED STATES IS BORN—Map shows the new United States of Indonesia which ends the 300-year rule of the Netherlands over the Dutch East Indies islands. Although the new republic will have sovereignty and Dutch colonial rule is ended, the two nations still are linked as equal partners in a Dutch-Indonesian Union, headed by Queen Juliana. The U. S. I. consists of the Indonesian Republic and 15 other states, heretofore known as Federalist Indonesia. Permanent status of New Guinea is in dispute and it will remain a Dutch colony for another year, pending negotiations.



PRAYERS ACROSS THE SEA—French school children pray for Betty Lou Marbury, the 8-year-old Brownsville, Tenn., girl whose faith in prayer has stirred the nation. Threatened with loss of her hand from a malignant growth, Betty said she is sure prayer will save it. Thousands of people throughout the U. S. responded to her appeal.

It Took Great Courage for the Netherlands to Declare That Colonialism Is Dead

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Two years ago Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, in proclaiming a new partnership between the kingdom of the Netherlands and the Dutch East Indies, declared that "colonialism is dead."

It took courage to face the writing on the wall and truly interpret its significance. Colonialism or imperialism, or whatever name you wish to call it, is indeed on its way out.

Yesterday the United States of Indonesia, comprising the rich islands of the Dutch East Indies, came into full being as a sovereign nation. This was the accuracy of her majesty's pronouncement demonstrated in the major and by far the richest portion of her empire.

There still remains that part of the empire comprising the Dutch

West Indies (The Antilles) and Dutch Guiana (Surinam) on the Atlantic coast of South America. But even in the case of this vestige of the empire the mother country is planning a conference for the coming April to consider the granting of greater autonomy.

So this bloc in the Western hemisphere may be formed into another federal nation, similar to the Indonesian group with sovereign rights. Holland will hope that, as in the case of Indonesia, the new group will remain within the Dutch commonwealth.

And what does such termination of "colonialism" do to the mother country economically? Well, that remains to be seen. In the case of the United States of Indonesia, all private investments are guaranteed for all types of property, and for all time. That is to say, Dutch investors can continue as heretofore, actually no Dutchman has been permitted to own property outright in Indonesia. Foreigners of all nations theoretically have equal rights for purposes of investment, so far as concerns the West Indies, the main wealth lies in Dutch Guiana. The chief products are bananas, cacao, sugar, coffee, rice, maize, rum, cotton bauxite gold and balata.

However the country is largely undeveloped and its potentialities are unknown. As pointed out in yesterday's column, in the inhospitable hinterland there are gold, diamonds and precious woods, but the area never has been fully prospected because death or permanent disability lurk everywhere for the white man.

The jungle hinterlands of Dutch, French and British Guiana are veritable bell-holes. Horror lurks at every step in the form of poisonous snakes, scorpions, centipedes, and all sorts of insects. Then there are vampire bats which attack white you are asleep, and huge anacondas which can crush man

New Republic Hailed by UN Representatives

Washington, Dec. 27 —(AP)—The new United States of Indonesia was hailed at its birth today by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ambassador Warren R. Austin, American representatives to the United Nations.

Formal congratulations in the name of the U. S. government are expected probably later today. President Truman is reported ready to announce U. S. recognition of the new state shortly, and Austin were broadcast by the Messages from Mrs. Roosevelt and Austin were broadcast by the "Voice of America" which inaugurated daily broadcasts in the Indonesian language as the former Netherlands East Indies advanced from colonial status to full nationhood in a union with the mother country under the Dutch crown.

Mrs. Roosevelt congratulated the Indonesians on their settlement with the Dutch and added: "With the freedom goes responsibility and it is my hope that the people of Indonesia may grow to a stable and a good life that their people may become a true democracy, thinking of the good of all the people; and that they may be a part of the family of nations as we work together for a peaceful world."

Austin said he looks forward to the day that Indonesia becomes a member of the United Nations.

Negotiations Recessed in Gazette Strike

Little Rock, Dec. 28 —(AP)—The strike of more than 30 news and circulation employees at the Arkansas Gazette has been going 12 days. Chances for an early settlement apparently aren't too bright.

Arkansas Labor Commissioner C. K. Call and Charles A. Wheeler of the federal conciliation service met with both sides yesterday in attempts to iron out the labor dispute.

Commissioner Call said there was no progress. Negotiations have been recessed pending a call by either Call or Wheeler.

The strikers, members of the American Newspaper Guild (A.N.G.), walked off their jobs Dec. 17 in a dispute over a dismissal clause in a proposed working contract.

or animal in its coils and swallow its victim whole.

Speaking of anacondas, while I was in Paramaribo, capital of Dutch Guiana, a Dutchman who sent native expeditions into the jungle after precious woods told me one of his men had reported finding a record size anaconda. The native estimated the size of this monster at 45 feet — a world record if true. The Dutchman said he was going to organize an expedition and try to capture this reptile for sale to some zoo. I never heard the outcome.

But to return to our muttons. Surinam may prove to be a source of vast wealth on development. Whether the mother country will profit by that depends on the structure of the projected United Nations of the West Indies and Surinam. The Dutch settlers in Surinam want their independence and it isn't sure at this juncture whether they will be willing to combine with other colonial units.

In any event, whoever participates in opening up the Surinam jungle country may share in great wealth.

Wife Convinces Man He Shot Employer

Santa Rosa, Calif., Dec. 28 —(AP)—The wife of Carl Schwartz confronted him in his jail cell yesterday and told him she saw him shoot and kill his employer's wife and wound another man.

Schwartz, 39, former of the Black Point ranch of Fred W. Dickson, Jr., was formally charged with the Christmas Eve murder of Jane Maggard Dickson, 34, socially prominent newspaper society columnist for San Rafael and San Francisco newspapers.

Dickson, grandson of the late

Capt. Robert Dollar, signed the complaint. It charged Schwartz with murdering Mrs. Dickson and with assault with intent to murder Lyman Lacy, friend and employee of Dickson.

Lacy, wounded in the stomach, remained in a critical condition in Ross General hospital.

District Attorney Charles McGoldrick said he believed Schwartz was acting in claiming a mental blackout which erased any memory of the shootings.

McGoldrick said he took Mrs. Virginia Schwartz into her husband's cell.

"You did it, I saw you," he quoted her as telling Schwartz. "Do you believe it now?" McGoldrick asked Schwartz.

"Well, if you tell me I did it, I guess I did," Schwartz replied.

Youth Shot to Death While on Hunting Trip

Siloam Springs, Dec. 28 —(AP)—Fourteen year old Robert Bennett of Siloam Springs was accidentally shot to death yesterday on a hunting trip.

He was with two companions four miles west of here, in Delaware county, Oklahoma.

Sheriff John Waterfallen said a .22 caliber rifle bullet hit the boy in the heart. He said the rifle, held by a 12-year-old companion, discharged itself.

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